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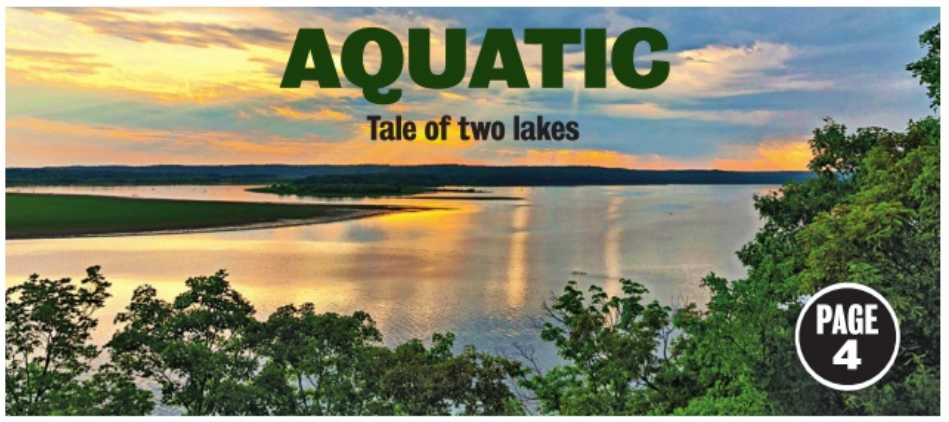

Commuters find rear seat belt rule absurd; say some vehicles have no such facility, point to abysmal roads of Bengaluru

BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE

'Rs 1,000-fine for cars and SUVs only'

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After Karnataka announced a fine of Rs 1,000 for not wearing seat belts, even for back seats, commuters BM spoke to said not all vehicles have facilities for the same.

"Great initiative especially for the roads in Bengaluru filled with so many potholes; but the problem is that not all cars come with this provision so it might be harder for the authorities to enforce this rule," said Raghu VK, a resident of Jayanagar.

Passengers also displayed concern over the lack of similar facilities in autos, BMTC buses and other vehicles.

"It would make sense if other vehicles like auto-rickshaws and BMTC buses have the same facilities available, followed by enforcement. These vehicles are equally vulnerable to road accidents. Autos, for instance, are often overlooked when it comes to road safety though they have no proper safety precautions in place," another commuter added.

However, in response to this, the authorities concerned said that they are thoughtful of the fact and are

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Home Again

First of its kind shelter for destitute set up by transgender women to receive Rajyotsava award

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Nammane Summane is a safe home now for around 50 abandoned children, destitute men and women who were found wandering in and around the Majestic area.

Nammane Summane was in the limelight when a few transgender women decided to provide a shelter for orphans and destitute women back in 2020.

The place is once again in focus for being selected to receive the Rajyotsava award as one of the best social organisations working for the welfare of destitute men, women and children.

"I was staying at the KSRTC bus station when Nakshatra ma'am found me. I was compelled to leave home, from Ragimanugattu village in Mulbagal taluk. I had a quarrel with my daughters-in-law. Now, I am very happy at this home here. I want to go back home if my sons want me to live with them," said Lakshmi.

There are some more women who were compelled to leave their homes for similar reasons. "I did not know what to do after landing at Majestic from Doddaballapur. Nakshatra madam brought me here. I have no problems here. My children are not

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Terra Verde

Vasantha Art Gallery (VAG) at Grand Mercure Bengaluru at Gopalan Mall presents 'Terra Verde' a solo show of artworks by artist Remya Kumar. Nature is exhilarating, enticing, and invigorating and these aspects are beautifully depicted in these 15 playful, colourful and vibrant works. Remya Kumar, the artist, draws inspiration from the lush tropical feel of her homeland Kerala.
Where: Vasantha Art Gallery (VAG), Grand Mercure Bengaluru Gopalan Mall
When: Nov 5 – Dec 5, 11am – 7pm, Info: 9980991645

02 Vengaboys is here!

Relive the glorious 90's with a shot of nostalgia wrapped in a night of dance, fun, memories, and celebrations. Put on your dancing shoes and mark your calendars for The Venga Tour – the Vengaboys. The Dutch Eurodance music group are all set to get the floor shaking at Byg Brewski Brewing Company. Vengaboys are a Dutch Eurodance music group based in Rotterdam. The group was the creation of Dutch producers Wessel van Diepen and Dennis van den Driesschen (known as Danski and Delmundo).
Where: Byg Brewski Brewing Company, Hennur Baglur Road
When: Nov 6, 5pm Tickets: bookmyshow.com

03 Write out loud

Lahe Lahe brings to you an evening of baring your soul on paper. Every Tuesday, participate in a heart-plucking session of poetry, and good company. Come, share your poetry in a circle and unwind.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Nov 1, 7.30–9.30 pm
Contact: 9886294444

There's no looking back for this snooker queen

Varshaa Sanjeev Kumar regains state title at Karnataka State Billiards Association

Bengaluru's rising women's snooker star Varshaa Sanjeev Kumar, 25, has been on a roll after she regained the state title at the Karnataka State Billiards Association on Monday.

Varshaa got the better of the young Keerthana P, 3–1 at 72-31, 41-64, 76-30, 71-35, in the final. She got past Vidya Pillai in the semifinal.

An alumna of Sophia High School, there has been no looking back for Varshaa ever since she took to the cue and the table since childhood. The year 2012 was a memorable and momentous year for her. At just 15, Varshaa became the country's No 1 Sub-Junior player in both billiards and snooker.

She then began her practice in earnestness and looked for higher glory, competing and displaying her innate talent in higher company as well. In 2016 she defeated Suzie Opacic 3-1 to win the Challenge Cup competition at the 2016 World Championship. She later won the World Women's Junior championship.

Varshaa went on to enter the World Women's Senior Championship on three occasions with her best run coming in Malta in 2018 where she reached the quarter-finals before losing out to England's Rebecca Kenna. In 2019, she won the National senior snooker championship, her maiden title. She has a table at home and it was a blessing in disguise as she was able to practice at home during the Covid-19 lockdowns.

"I started playing at the YMCA and played in tournaments in Bangalore in 2008 when I was about 12-years old. Since then, the game caught my imagination and I wanted to take to it seriously. And, there has been no looking back. I played there for a year under the fine coaching of Mr Gowda from whom I learnt my basics," she revealed.

"Due to lack of exposure to matches, I decided to join Karnataka State Billiards Association which has produced fine players in 2009. I think I made the right decision as the KSBA is the best centre for cue sports in the country. The KSBA has also supported and moulded me into what I am today," said Varsha about the KSBA.

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> –Varshaa Sanjeev Kumar

Her parents, Sanjeev Kumar, an engineer who runs his own business and mother Usha Rani, a KAS officer in the state government, have encouraged her to take to the sport. Varsha's sister, Tejashree is an archer having represented Karnataka in the National Archery championship.

Her powers of concentration are good and she can produce big and useful breaks when needed. With age on her side, she can improve her abilities. As she adds some calories to her frame, she will be better equipped physically too, to withstand the rigours of moving briskly around the tables and sinking the red or coloured balls into the pockets with unfailing regularity.

Varshaa has more than lived up to the promise she showed in her early years. There is no stopping her now and more laurels are in store for her at the national and international levels.

– By SS Shreekumar

Healing minds, at one-of-a-kind santhe

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In an attempt to destigmatise mental health, a mega fair has been organised by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), called the Mental Health Santhe.

According to the National Mental Health Survey 2015-2016, mental health literacy appears to be an underrepresented domain in India and as a consequence, professional help seeking attitude towards mental health problems poses a great challenge. While a recent study revealed that 11 per cent of Indians over the age of 18 with psychiatric problems do not receive the required professional treatment. Lack of mental health literacy and social stigma form major barriers in accessing appropriate treatment for mental disorders.

The santhe will aim to educate the public, including students, about mental health and suicide prevention by bringing together all key stakeholders. The organisational stakeholders will be given an opportunity to project their work in the area of mental health and suicide prevention. It will be hosted on 3rd November 2022 at NIMHANS Convention Centre.

The event, with as many as 40 stalls, will be open to the public free of cost and will also feature games and other interactive activities to make learning fun.

Dr Pratima Murthy, director and a senior professor of psychiatry at NIMHANS said, "The event will be throughout the day. One in ten people in the country has a psychiatric disorder. We have to focus on how to improve mental and physical health. We need to understand how identify oneself when we are distressed and even how to get help for the distress. It is particularly important for the youngsters. Every loss of life by suicide is potentially preventable."

Dr Murthy further added that there is enough research evidence to show that mental health education programs can improve knowledge and help-seeking behaviour. Building partnerships with community and grassroots level organisations working in the area of mental health can be beneficial for exchange of knowledge and skills vital for enhancing mental health literacy and reducing the stigma.

Prominent mental health organisations and community partners including Step One, Maarga Healing Minds, Medico Pastoral Association, Save India Family Foundation, Destigmatize, Manasa Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Association for the Mentally Challenged, Richmond Fellowship (Aasha Half Way Home), Suicide Prevention India Foundation (SPIF), The Able Mind, SAMUDHRA, The Mind Research Foundation, KSHEMA Mind Care, Nyamitha e-Counselling Pvt. Ltd, Augmenta Health, SMHA, Friends of NIMHANS and so on will be in attendance to provide visitors with an abundance of mental health information and pertinent resources.

Trapped shut: Fix drains, please don't seal dogs in

BBMP workers busy putting slabs on drains that act as shelters for stray dogs

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A dog was stuck in JP Nagar (left) and one in Ulsoor (above)

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) ongoing work to fix stormwater drains in the city is turning out to be a nightmare for many street animals. Activists say the contractors are negligent and are shutting the slabs, trapping street animals inside.

One such incident was reported in JP Nagar's third phase recently, when a drain that the dog had been using as a shelter was shut and concretised, with the animal still inside.

"I feed a few street dogs in the area. When this one dog did not turn up for food a couple of days ago, we started looking for her. We could hear her yelping and realised she had been locked inside her drain. The only place that these animals have is these drains. We are not saying do not cover up, but people working on ground should be compassionate," said Gayathri Balaji, a resident of JP Nagar.

Animal welfare activists say while they had cautioned the contractor about animals in the area using drains as shelter, the workers went ahead and blocked the drains without checking properly.

"We have been talking to the contractors but still they blocked all the drains. The one spot that the dog was trying to get out of was also blocked with a stone. Where is inclusivity here? It is increasingly clear that we do not have animal welfare on our minds," said a city-based animal welfare worker.

Another incident of BBMP workers' apathy was reported in Ulsoor recently. According to Niteesh Kumar Yadav, the person who reported the incident and a resident of the area, the workers ignored a crying dog that was stuck in the drain for over four days. "I had to squeeze into the narrow drain to pull out the dog covered in mud. When we asked the workers in the area about the dog, they said the dog has been stuck for over four days," said Yadav.

Activists urged the Palike to involve animal welfare workers in such projects. "Many old and disabled community dogs have made some of these drains their homes. Dogs are sensitive to sound and these hideouts make them feel safe from sounds, heat and rain. From a humane angle, it makes sense to keep some points open. Also, local animal welfare workers and activists should be involved in the planning phase," said Balaji.

> **We have been talking to the contractors but still they blocked all the drains** –Animal activist

When BM reached out to the JP Nagar MLA Sowmya Reddy, she said, "There is a total lack of planning on the Palike's part when it comes to such projects. The BBMP must take the residents' views into consideration before starting such projects. If this incident has taken place in my area, I will take it up with the higher officials and ensure that it does not get repeated."

Metro tickets via WhatsApp

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) and WhatsApp announced a tie-up on Monday to start the WhatsApp chatbot-based QR ticketing service. The chatbot is integrated with UPI powered payments on WhatsApp and will allow Namma Metro commuters to buy tickets and recharge their metro travel pass right within the messaging service. BMRCL is the first transit service globally to enable end-to-end QR ticketing on WhatsApp.

AS Shankar, Executive Director (O and M), BMRCL said, "The interface makes the user experience easy and interactive. Commuters can plan their transit on-the-go and make payments without leaving the WhatsApp chat. To address the issue of cyber safety, the user needs to enter a personal UPI-PIN for each payment." Explaining the process, Raghu Ravinutala (CEO and Co-founder, Yellow.ai) said that the conversational AI-powered experiences nudging users from consideration to payments coupled with native WhatsApp payments is a game-changer in the conversational commerce space.

HOW IT WORKS?

BMRCL's WhatsApp chat bot is available in English and Kannada for all commuters of Namma Metro. To use the service, commuters need to simply send 'Hi' to BMRCL's official WhatsApp chatbot number +9181055 56677 and choose from the various options such as; recharge metro travel pass using payments on WhatsApp, purchase single journey ticket using payments on WhatsApp, access updated fare tables, select source and destination for the trip, Metro Rail timetable and other information. Users are given the option to pay using payments on WhatsApp.

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Some code-friendly news for Metro users

BM's report on Aug 12 about QR code based ticketing

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TALE OF TWO LAKES

Another one heads to its watery grave?

Unbearable stench, fish kill, disappearing birds part of Iblur Lake scenery

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The residents staying around Iblur Lake, near Bellandur have noticed a stench coming from the lake since last week. They also noticed that the birds have vanished from the area and dead fish floating in the water.

The residents say that the lake was one of the serene visiting spots in the area. But with its deteriorating state, they fear that if nothing is done, the city might lose another lake.

Vinodh Nair, a resident, said, "I have been noticing from the last week that a bad smell is coming from the lake. I have also noticed that several big fishes have died and are now floating on the surface. I am no expert, but I have noticed raw sewage entering the lake water. I believe that is the reason behind it. If the sewage entering the lake is not arrested soon, the remaining fish in the lake will also die. There will be no marine life left."

The residents have also noticed that the water quality of the lake has also depleted.

Walkers have reported instances of fish kill in the Iblur Lake near Bellandur

> **"The reason for fish kill and the bad stench might be increased Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) due to the sewage entering the lake**
>
> –Aniruddh K, environmentalist

Ashok Ranjan, another resident, said, "The water has started to look greasy and there is also a lot of plastic waste and other garbage dumped into the water. This place used to be a perfect spot for evening walks and served as a breathing space as well. However, the stench and the poor quality of water have made the space very unattractive."

The people who used to visit the area often said they had seen several birds making rounds of the lake. However, they don't see the birds anymore.

Kishore Gowda, a resident, said, "I used to come here for a walk quite often in the early mornings and evenings and I have spotted quite a good number of birds. They all used to fly around the area and catch fish. All these birds are missing now."

Aniruddh K, an environmentalist, said, "The reason behind the sudden death of the fish and the bad stench might be the increased Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) causing difficulty for the marine life to survive in the water. The reason for increased BOD may be the sewage entering and mixing with the fresh water in disproportionate amounts."

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official told Bangalore Mirror that an official will be sent for the inspection of the lakes, and the preservation work will start accordingly.

Impending perils to aquatic life

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Residents staying near Veerasandra Lake have been complaining about the lake's deteriorating condition. They informed Bangalore Mirror that sewage is entering the water body putting the aquatic life in the lake at risk.

The water has become dirty and the residents want strict action to be taken soon to prevent the water body from getting completely contaminated.

Arvind Jalal, a resident, said, "The lake has become so dirty that the colour of the water has become black. The water quality has also gone down because it is receiving untreated sewage from across the area. Already a lot of fish have died, and if this condition continues, soon there will be no fish left in the water."

The water quality of Veerasandra Lake has been deteriorating

The residents also complained that sewage from the entire area enters the lake, which is the main reason behind the depleting water quality of the lake.

Sumith K, another resident, said, "A few days ago, several of the fish in the lake died and few people were deployed to clear it off. However, nothing much has been done to improve the water condition of this lake. If this continues, there will be no aquatic life left in the lake very soon."

Residents fear that if the authorities do not take swift action, another lake will be doomed to die.

Shivam Kumar, another resident, said, "All the lakes in this city are gradually deteriorating. Whatever lakes are left and can be saved, should be saved before it gets too late. The people also throw garbage in the premises of the lake whenever they come for walks. Strict surveillance should be there to prevent this kind of thing from happening."

Some of the residents have also complained about the bad stench that comes from the lake. The unbearable smell has made walking around the lake a nightmare.

Punith Ramprasad, another resident, said, "A very bad smell is coming from the lake. Initially, the path around the lake was a good place for people to walk. But now, because of the smell, it is impossible to walk around it."

The residents have also informed that the entrance to the lake has been dug up for months further adding to the inconvenience of the people.

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official said, "We will inspect the area and then take up the work accordingly."

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In the pits
Sahakar Nagar

The dug-up road near Ganesha temple children's park, Sahakar Nagar, has been this way for more than 10 months causing a lot of problems for pedestrians as well as motorists. Even after highlighting the problem several times, no action has been taken.

Dangerous dents
Vijayanagar

The 1st Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Vijayanagar is in a pathetic condition for more than eight months now. It was been dug up repeatedly by BESCOM and BWSSB after it was newly laid. Motorists falling and injuring themselves have become a common scene.

Nobody's drive
Basavanagudi

This vehicle is parked on Ratnavilas Road, opposite Sai Niwas Apartment, Basavanagudi for a long time. Authorities must tow it away.

August cuts the deepest: 94 birds rescued from deadly strings

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Post-covid, life has returned to normal and incidents of birds getting stuck in manja is on the rise. According to data from People for Animals, a wildlife rescue and rehab centre, the total number of birds that have been entangled in manja and rescued till October is 615. Of these, August with 94 bird rescues, was the cruellest month as far as manja cases go.

Dr Nawaz Shariff, General Manager and Chief Veterinarian, PfA, said, "I have been rescuing birds who are getting entangled in manjas for the last two years and I have also written letters to the BBMP commissioners and even the chief minister. Rampant selling of manjas continues. It is important to stop manufacturing of the manjas and conduct raids on shops that sell them. Manjas collected from shops should be burned and the shops should be sealed off."

PfA has been conducting environmental ecological programmes for school and college children and they have also conducted webinars to sensitise the people about the hazards of using these the deadly kite-flying threads.

"Through this, we have been able to sensitise a lot of people. Before covid, we used to get only one or two calls regarding the birds stuck in manjas. Now, we get around 6 to 7 calls a day about big birds that are stuck at a height of 80 to 100 feet," added Dr Shariff.

He also said that initially rescuing such birds was a difficult task, but now they are using a specialised equipment that can reach high. However, unfortunately, the number of birds getting entangled too has gone up.

Ajay Shaji, a resident of Jalahalli, said he noticed an eagle stuck in a tree near his home recently. "At first, I did not understand, but later I realised it was entangled in a manja and was struggling to get out. I immediately called up the rescue centre."

Chinese manja was banned by the government in 2017, but they are very much a part of the terrain.

Ashok Kumar, a bird activist, said, "These manjas are very harmful for the birds as the string cuts the birds due to the sharp glass coating and recovering from that becomes almost impossible. Manjas also take a lot of time to decompose. They are used rampantly because they are cheap."

OF BROKEN ROADS, QUICK FIXES

Time for another protest?

Five years after a protest goaded authorities to fix Ramagondanahalli Borewell Road, the road is in complete shambles once again

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In 2017, the residents of Ramagondanahalli Borewell Road had protested against civic authorities demanding that the damaged roads be fixed. It was fixed then. Now, five years later, matters are back to square one. The road got washed away completely in the recent rains and residents are finding it very difficult to commute for the last four months.

The locality has over 500 apartment complexes with five to six villas, and each villa has around 100 residents.

The residents alleged that a few months ago, one part of the road had started to cave in and when there were downpours in the early months of this year, the road started to get further damaged and finally it got washed away completely. The stretch has remained like this for four months now and the civic body has not taken any initiative to get it fixed and make it easy for residents.

In 2017, the road was dug up by BWSSB to lay the cauvery water pipelines, and it took a protest to get the road to be fixed. Residents wonder what it will take this time.

The current road is an easy link to the Borewell Road for commuters as it is just 500 metre away, but now the residents have to take a detour and only then can reach the road that further connects to Whitefield, Hope Farm or ITPL.

Many school buses come in from Whitefield to pick students from Ramagondanahalli Borewell Road. Earlier they would come to the doorstep to pick the students up. However, off late the school bus drivers are refusing to come by as they have to take a 3-km detour as the road is completely broken.

Sowmyadeep Mitra, a resident of Bloomfields Apartment, said, "School bus drivers don't want to take the detour as it wastes their time. And people here can't walk down the stretch as well. They have to walk to the Sheelavantakere lake and then head to the main road. The fencing of the lake that was done with barbed wire has been broken by the residents as they don't have any other option to move out of the locality. We even complained on the Sahaaya App, but there is no respite. It is complete misery. Five years back we had protested to get the road fixed and now we are back to the same situation again."

Another resident Tapapriya said, who works at a private school, had to just walk up to the school that is just one kilometre away from her house. "I would walk up to my school easily. However now it's difficult as the stretch has been dug up and only taking an autorickshaw is an option. I pay around Rs 200 every day for the commute. It is such negligence from the authorities. It is very risky for all as the areas are just left open."

Finishing touch

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The Kundalahalli underpass that was recently inaugurated a few months ago had caved in due to underground pipe leakage on October 9, and it was fixed in 24 hours. Fixed or something like it -- because the asphalting was not done.

To begin with it was leakage from a pipe of the Bengaluru Water Supply Sewerage Board (BWSSB) that had caused the cave-in. But BBMP and BWSSB visited the spot soon after and some part of the work was done soon. The 450-mm pipeline was repaired and wet mix was poured on the road. Concrete has also been poured around the pipe to provide additional barricading to vibrations.

But with just the wet mix fix, commuters had a tough time as the loose stones had started to come off. Two-wheeler riders even were worried about injury to life and limb.

"It was difficult to commute on the stretch after it had caved in as the work was not finished. When I was riding my two-wheeler, I lost my balance due to the loose gravel. The stretch was opened to the public without asphalting. It was just a waste of taxpayers' money," said Pooja Naidu, a daily commuter.

After close to two weeks, asphalting work is finally taken up and the road is now fixed. "The soil below was wet because of water leakage. Hence to carry out the asphalting work we had to wait for about 10 days. Wet mix was put on the road and the road was levelled," said Clement Jaykumar, Secretary, Mahadevapura Task Force.

The entire repair work was done as part of the Defect Liability Period by RNS Contractor and there was no additional cost incurred by BWSSB or BBMP. Full road width asphalting of this small stretch is likely to be finished in the next couple of weeks.

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Series of unfortunate events in Kundalahalli

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One rule to belt them all?

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not enforcing the rule very strictly for now. "We are also aware of the problem and acknowledging it. As of now, we are charging a fine of a minimum of Rs 500 to 1,000 for seat belt offenders be it front seats or rear seats. In the end, it is for the passengers' safety only, but currently, we have not made it a hard and fast rule," said Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, deputy commissioner of police, traffic (west). The DCP added that for now, the rule is only for cars and SUVs, which includes taxi cabs as well.

"Other vehicles like buses, are much bigger in size and are less susceptible to severe damage as compared to cars. No doubt that on some level, these commuters are also vulnerable to similar injuries, Although, for now, we have to do the best with what is available; so we are enforcing the rule for cars and SUVs…" Jain clarified.

Of late, with an increasing number of road accidents in city limits and the abysmal condition of roads, passenger safety has become a major talking point in Bengaluru.

Other cities are following similar norms to ensure road safety. In Mumbai, it has become mandatory for drivers and all passengers to wear seat belts starting Tuesday. The Delhi Traffic Police recently ran a campaign to create awareness among commuters on the importance of wearing rear seat belts — the cops had fined erring commuters Rs 1,000 during checks.

HM, warden, teachers file affidavits in HC not to ill-treat students

The headmistress, warden and the teacher of a 126-year old school in Bengaluru have filed personal affidavits in the High Court of Karnataka that the children will not be ill-treated. This came after the HC directed them to "treat them like their own children."

Some students from the girls' convent school in Bengaluru went missing after misunderstanding with the teachers. They were traced in Chennai following a habeas corpus petition and produced before the High Court.

Finding that there was "disturbance not only in the family of the students, but also in the institution as well as in the society at large," the headmistress, warden and the teacher under whom the children are studying were directed to file their personal affidavits.

In her affidavit, the headmistress stated, "I say that whatever the reason the children have gone away, I was severely stressful. On finding them I am joyful and will see to it that in future there will not be slightest kind of ill-treatment or anything to these children from any teaching as well as non-teaching staff."

The affidavit also stated, "I undertake to conduct periodic awareness classes with the help of psychologists, professional counselling staff, doctors and legal teams to upgrade the knowledge of the teachers and non-teaching staff to handle the unwarranted situations so as to bring the children to right mind frame and right track." The warden and the high school math and physics teacher also filed similar affidavits. The HC then directed the teachers to treat the students as their children.

"We request the institution authorities to ensure proper counselling to the children through the doctors with all human touch. Either the Headmistress or warden or the teachers shall not utter any word which would hurt the children and treat them like their own children and encourage the students to continue their studies and become good citizens of this country," the division bench of Justice B Veerappa and Justice K S Hemalekha said in their recent judgement.

The court also had a word of advice for the students. "On instruction by us, the children hugged the head of the institution, warden as well as the teacher and requested their pardon and gave assurance to the teachers as well as the Court that they will concentrate on their studies and would become good citizens of this country," the court noted.

The court warned the parents as well. "We have also warned the parents of the detenu-students that they behave well with human approach with the children," it said. **PTI**

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Trans women set up shelter

The place where the foundation stone is to be laid for the building of Nammane Summane Destitute Orphanage

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aware that I am at this shelter," said a woman pleading anonymity.

It all began when Nakshatra adopted an orphan boy. Nakshatra, who is from Gulbarga, had to face a lot of problems when she too was compelled to leave home at 16 years of age due to her gender issues. "I want to be a mother for orphan children. I want to look after as many children as possible since I cannot give birth," said Nakshatra.

The foundation stone is scheduled to be laid on November 2. State revenue minister R Ashok, housing minister V Somanna, BDA chairman SR Vishwanath and Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar are expected to grace the foundation stone laying ceremony.

"The new project is aimed to provide shelter for around 1,000 orphans, destitute women and men. It is the first of its kind in the country, established by a few transgender women. We have many plans but we need support from all sections of the society to make it a success. It will be the first exclusive centre for rehabilitation and empowerment of transgenders," said Nakshatra.

The government has allocated the land for the construction of the centre for Nammane Summane which is functioning from a rented house on Gangondanahalli Main Road in North

> **"We are happy with the arrangements here. Though the space is not sufficient to accommodate many people, we are told that we will get a new building shortly**
>
> – An inmate at Nammane Summane. Bengaluru at present.

The inmates are being served breakfast, lunch and dinner. "We are happy with the arrangements here. Though the space is not sufficient to accommodate many people, we are told that we will get a new building shortly," said an inmate at Nammane Summane.

Govinda Raju, an honorary advisor for Nammane Summane, told BM a trust has been formed to take the project forward. "The trust members led by Nakshatra have many plans for the welfare of the transgender community," said Raju.

As of now, Nammane Summane is self-funded with some external support from individuals and organisations. As its contribution for the welfare of destitute women and orphans has been recognised by the state government within two years of its existence, Nammane Summane deserves all support and cooperation from society.

Tourism during pandemic: Karnataka shows the way

Tipu Sultan Palace and Hampi witnessed astonishing footfalls in 2021-22, says data

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Hampi and Tipu Sultan Palace are popular destinations for domestic and foreign tourists alike

In the last one year, India's Silicon Valley has scored big on attracting foreign and domestic tourists in terms of percentage growth.

While Tipu Sultan Palace near Kalasipalya has witnessed the highest tourist growth in the state, Hampi also witnessed a surge in tourists -- both foreign and local.

According to the statistics released by Tourism Department for 2021-22, the Tipu Sultan Palace in Bengaluru recorded an increase of domestic tourists by 158.9 per cent compared to the previous year while foreign tourists' growth was recorded at 261.5 per cent.

It beat Hampi where the increase was a modest 98.4 per cent of foreign tourists and 55.8 per cent of domestic tourists. However, as per the absolute numbers, Gol Gumbaz attracted the maximum domestic tourists (2, 83,256) beating Hampi (2,73,456) in a year while Hampi was the clear winner with 627 foreigners visiting. Overall, 38,706 domestic and 270 foreign tourists visited Tipu Palace in Bengaluru last year.

At fourth place

Overall, Karnataka received the fourth highest number of domestic tourist visits in 2021. According to the statistics, Tamil Nadu had the highest number of domestic tourists (17.02 per cent), followed by Uttar Pradesh (16.19 per cent), Andhra Pradesh (13.77 per cent) while Karnataka had 12 per cent of tourists.

Karnataka stood fourth among foreign tourists as well following states like Punjab (29.22 per cent), Maharashtra (17.6 per cent) and Delhi (9.5 per cent). Among the top eight international check posts for foreign tourists, Delhi was first with 39.7 per cent and Bengaluru at fifth place after Mumbai, Haridaspur and Chennai with a share of 6.72 per cent of foreign tourists arriving in Bengaluru.

A Tourism Department official, quoting the report said, "Due to restrictions related to covid-19, the number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2021 decreased to 1.52 million as compared to 2.74 million in 2020, registering a negative growth of 44.5 per cent. While foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) experienced a negative growth rate in 2021, NRI and international tourist arrivals (ITA) experienced positive growth. Arrivals of NRIs have increased by 52.6 per cent from 2020 to 2021. In comparison to 2020, there was a 10.6 per cent increase in yearly international tourist arrivals in India in 2021."

In 2021, the top 15 source markets for foreign tourists' arrivals (FTA) were the United States, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Canada, Nepal, Afghanistan, Australia, Germany, Portugal, France, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, the Russian Federation, Iraq, and the Netherlands. In 2021, the top 15 nations accounted for approximately 80.9 percent of total FTAs in India. India is yet to do a lot to attract foreign tourists as only 1.64 per cent of all tourists worldwide comes from India.

Karnataka stood fourth in visits by foreign tourists after Punjab, Maharashtra, Delhi

India rose from 25th place in 2019 to 19th place in the world for tourism in 2020. For Indians travelling abroad, UAE was the top source nation in 2021, followed by the USA, Qatar, Oman, United Kingdom, the Maldives, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Bahrain.

Eco warrior's moment of pride

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Sign boards prepared by Kumar (inset) for the trees

A resident of Sahakara Nagar, Suresh Kumar is on cloud nine. The environmentalist was acknowledged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his monthly address 'Mann Ki Baat' on Sunday for his contribution towards the environment.

Around 2,500 saplings that were planted by Kumar in and around Sahakara Nagar 18 years ago are full-grown trees now and each of the trees is named after a well-known poet or an important person.

"I planted many saplings on both sides of the road along the railway track. I also took measures to ensure water and manure for them," he said.

"I did not expect personalities like Prime Minister Narendra Modi to recognise my service to the environment," said Kumar with a smile.

Kumar, who is also known for working to highlight Kannada language and culture, has said that he would continue planting saplings throughout the year. "I will make it a resolution to plant a sapling a day throughout the year. Recently I planted around 200 saplings at a layout near Tumakuru," he said.

The Prime Minister also mentioned Suresh Kumar's contribution in constructing bus shelters for the benefit of commuters.

Kumar constructed a bus shelter on Sahakar Nagar Main Road which is known as Kannada Bus Stand Road.

Many people, including BBMP corporators, contacted him to construct similar bus shelters in their areas.

Similar bus shelters were constructed near Dr Rajkumar memorial, Ganganagar and more than 20 bus shelters were constructed in Devanahalli Assembly constituency.

The specialty of these shelters is that they have information about Karnataka for non-locals along with music being played.

Of serial killers and vampires

Kids were dressed in their spookiest best for Halloween in city schools

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It was a Monday like no other. Little kids, dressed up in their spookiest best, on the occasion of Halloween. From vampires to malevolent nuns, creativity was at its best as kids forgot all Monday blues.

Aashna Sudhanjula, studying in the 5th standard, said, "Usually, Mondays are very difficult for me but today I was very excited and woke up even before the alarm rang as there was a fancy dress event in my school and I decided to go as my favourite superhero, Spiderman. I had a lot of fun and my friends dressed up as other superheroes."

A sixth grader, Nishant Ahuja, donned the dress of a vampire, a classic Halloween costume. "For the competition in our school, I went dressed up as a vampire. I chose that dress because vampires are my favourite characters. I had made the dress from my old clothes. It was a very happy day for me."

Parents also had their share of fun while dressing up their kids for Halloween. Shivam S, a resident of Jalahalli, said that his daughter had her Halloween celebrations in her school and they had been informed about it quite some time ago. "So, we decided to send her as our favourite horror character, the nun. It was really fun seeing all the kids having fun together."

> **"For the competition in our school, I went dressed as a vampire**
>
> – Nishant Ahuja, a Class 6 student

Serial killers were another trending theme. Aradhana K, a student in the 9th standard, said, "I dressed up like the killer Jeffrey Dahmer and go for the Halloween celebrations happening at school. I did not have the clothes so I had ordered them online long ago so that I could get the items on time."

Anand Rai, also in the 9th standard, added that he decided that he would go dressed as Ted Bundy.

Callous approach of firm to blame, 9 held

Managerial staff, ticketing clerks and security guards arrested for failing to regulate crowds

Police on Monday arrested nine persons, including four from the Oreva group that was managing the Morbi suspension bridge, and filed a case against firms tasked with maintenance and operation of the British era structure which collapsed, killing 134 people. Video footage emerged of the moments before Sunday' evening's deadly collapse, showing the bridge snapping in a few seconds, taking down scores of visitors seen walking on the swaying British-era structure which reopened five days ago after extensive repair but sans a fitness certificate.

"Nine people have been arrested in the Morbi bridge collapse case. They include two managers and two ticket booking clerks of Oreva group that was managing the bridge," Rajkot Range IG Ashok Yadav said, informing media of the criminal investigation into the tragedy that has shocked the country.

The death toll in the bridge collapse has mounted to 134, he said.

A day after the bridge crammed with visitors came crashing down, sending people tumbling into the river below, rescue operation continued as authorities looked for survivors.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi remained in Morbi during the night to oversee the rescue operation being conducted by multiple agencies. The more than a century-old bridge on the Machchhu river in Morbi, located around 300 km from the state capital Gandhinagar, collapsed around 6.30 pm on Sunday.

The state information department said five teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), six platoons of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), a team of the Air Force, two columns of the Army, and two teams of the Indian Navy apart from local rescue teams were involved in the operation.

Rescue personnel conduct search operations after a bridge across the river Machchhu collapsed at Morbi in Gujarat on October 30; People gather to watch search operations

Sanghavi told reporters the state government has formed a committee to conduct a probe into the bridge collapse.

Police have registered an FIR (first information report) on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and attempt to commit culpable homicide against agencies given the task of maintenance and operation of the bridge. In the FIR lodged at the Morbi 'B' division police station on Sunday night, police have shown "agencies responsible for maintenance and management of the hanging bridge" as the main accused. The FIR, lodged by 'B' division police inspector Prakash Dekivadia, stated that the bridge over the Machchhu river was not in use for nearly eight months as the local administration had roped in a "private agency" for its maintenance. After completion of the maintenance, the agency opened the bridge for the public on October 26, the FIR said.

> **"We have lodged an FIR and are trying to establish contact with the Oreva company's staff who were on duty at the bridge yesterday**
>
> – SP Rahul Tripathi

As per the FIR, the incident took place because of the "callous approach" of the agency people.

The FIR further stated that persons concerned or agencies did not pay attention to the quality of maintenance as well as repair work of the bridge. The bridge was opened for tourists by the agency despite knowing that their "callous approach" in the maintenance and management of the bridge may lead to human deaths, the FIR stated.

"We have lodged an FIR and are trying to establish contact with the Oreva company's staff who were on duty at the bridge yesterday," SP Rahul Tripathi said. **–PTI**

Sorrow engulfs families across region

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The collapse of a cable bridge on the Machhu river in Gujarat's Morbi on Sunday evening left at least 141 dead - including a few children left orphaned, while some have lost their entire next generation.

When the bodies of the victims reached villages and towns, it left behind families and people in tears and pain.

Four-year-old Shivam of Rajkot, had gone to Morbi with his father Bhupat Parmar, mother Sangitaben and brother Viraj. Only Shivam only has returned alive, and other three's bodies were brought back, said his grandfather Chagan Parmar."Till the bodies were brought back, Shivam kept asking about his parents... after seeing bodies, I am not able to console myself, and don't know how I can Shivam," he said.

Ahmedabad's Jesang Chavda's eyes are full of tears and does not have words to explain what happened to his 7-year-old granddaughter. His son Ashok Chavda, daughter-in-law Bhavnaben and their daughter were on a tour of Kutch and while returning back to Ahmedabad, they decided to visit the cable bridge. While her parents died in the accident, she had a miraculous escape.

People light candles to pay tribute to victims of the bridge collapse

The family is not able to explain to the 7-year-old that she has lost her parents.

Jamnagar's Jaliya Devani village is in deep shock because seven members of Jadeja family - including four children - died in the horrifying accident. Brothers Pradyumansinh and Pratapsinh Jadeja, their wives, two children each and their mother have died in the bridge collapse. Pratapsinh's wife Krishna was pregnant. The village carried seven bodies in tractors for their final rites.

In Morbi town's graveyard, diggers have been busy since Sunday night as the town has lost 36 members of the community including children. It takes five hours to dig one grave.

Three members of the Iliyas Pathan family and two members of the Sumra family have died, out of which four were children. On Monday afternoon, eight 'janazas' (funeral processions) started for burial from Morbi town. **–IANS**

Firm's claim: Spent ₹2 cr on bridge renovation

#MORBI

Morbi-based clock and e-bike maker Oreva group was given a contract by the Morbi Municipality to repair and operate the ill-fated hanging bridge for 15 years and charge tickets in the range of Rs 10 to Rs 15 for its use, as per documents of the municipality assessed on Monday.

The firm had claimed on October 26 that it had roped in experts for the repair work, adding that the material used was built as per specifications by "specialised firms".

After the completion of the renovation, the hanging bridge, originally built in 1887 by the erstwhile Morbi ruler Vaghji Thakor, was thrown open for the public on October 26 by Oreva Group's Jaysukh Patel and his family in the presence of the media.

Post the collapse, Morbi Municipality Chief Officer Sandipsinh Zala claimed the corporate house had not acquired any clearance certificate from the civic body before inaugurating the bridge.

"The hanging bridge was handed over to Oreva Group for renovation by Morbi municipality. It was not in use for over six months due to repair work. On October 26, the company inaugurated it without informing us. They did not acquire any clearance certificate from us before reopening the bridge for the public," Zala had said late Sunday evening.

As per documents, the Morbi civic body had entered into an "agreement" with Oreva Group in March this year to maintain and operate the bridge.

The agreement laid down that it was the private group's responsibility to incur the entire cost to repair the bridge and throw it open for the public after "proper renovation", which would take nearly "8 to 12 months".

The agreement also stated the corporate entity will be responsible for the "management" of the bridge, such as O&M, providing security, cleanliness, maintenance, payment collection and deployment of required staff at the bridge for 15 years, that is till 2037.

Morbi municipality had agreed the company can collect Rs 15 from adults and Rs 10 from children below the age of 12 as entry tickets for the first year, with a Rs 2 hike every subsequent year, as per the agreement.

After the renovated bridge was inaugurated on October 26, Oreva Group's Jaysukh Patel informed the media that his group had spent Rs 2 crore on the renovation.

"This 150-year-old bridge has been handed over to us by Morbi Municipality for 15 years for maintenance, operations and security. We spent Rs 2 crore on the total renovation. We had roped in experts for the repair work and the material used in the bridge was made by specialised firms as per our specifications," Patel had said.

As per the First Information Report, the 765-foot long and 4.6-foot wide suspension bridge collapsed "from the middle" on the evening of October 30 when nearly 250 to 300 persons were on it. **–PTI**

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A yoga state of mind

Different asanas can help prevent Alzheimer's by keeping stress at bay

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia that affects about 5-6% of people in the age group of 65-70 years in India. Research reveals that as the population of India ages, the number of people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease is set to go up to 7.6 million by 2030. While no cure for the disease is yet available, yoga can play a significant role in the prevention and improvement of symptoms in patients. The age-old practice can also enhance the quality of life of both patients and caregivers.

The major benefit of the practice of yoga is that it diminishes stress which can be a highly concerning factor for Alzheimer's patients. Stress can cause inflammation in the central nervous system and body, hormone dysregulation, over-arousal of the sympathetic nervous system and compromised quality of life. However, with the regular practice of yoga, patients with Alzheimer's can reduce stress and inflammatory factors that can help them cope more effectively with the body's stress response.

How yoga can make a difference

Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that causes the brain cells to die and the brain to shrink. Yoga can help stimulate the neuroplasticity of the brain or help it to recover from injuries and form newer connections by engaging its different parts based on the components of practice like pranayama, postures, chanting, visualization and concentration.

In fact, a study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health in 2018 concluded that yoga may be an effective and safe intervention to enhance cognitive function in people aged 60 years or older. Other studies have also revealed that yoga practice which involves postures, meditative exercises and pranayama can lead to improved attention and information-processing abilities among people.

Yoga poses for Alzheimer's patients

Paschimottanasana

Paschimottanasana is a seated forward bend pose that stretches the hamstrings and back muscles by folding the upper body forward over the legs. The pose offers loads of benefits, especially for those suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes. One of its biggest health benefits is that it calms the body and relaxes the mind. It also helps in proper blood circulation thereby relaxing the mind and reducing insomnia, depression and anxiety.

Vajrasana

It is the optimal position for blood circulation to flow to the digestive organs, and this gets them functioning effectively. Sitting in vajrasana for long periods of time can have emotional and spiritual benefits and can help keep the mind stable. It also helps the body and the mind get into a meditative state. The regular practice of this pose helps in the prevention and treatment of psychological disorders, hypertension and stress.

Vrikshasana

Since vrikshasana is primarily a balancing pose, it aids in improving balance both physical and emotional. When practised on a regular basis, it creates a sense of calm and equilibrium. Apart from its physical benefits like building hip and leg strength, vrikshasana creates a sense of balance within the body. It also translates into mental well-being, building focus and concentration. Other than that, it also helps stabilise the nervous system, making it functional to an optimum. Besides its qualities of enabling mental performance, the pose is also good for self-esteem and keeping depression and mood swings at bay.

Ujjayi Pranayama

In Ujjayi pranayam, practitioners contract the glottis and breathe through the throat. It leads to subtle mental states and can be practised in conjunction with bandhas and meditation. It tends to soothe the nervous system, calm the mind and increase psychic sensitivity. It relieves insomnia, lowers blood pressure and slows down the heart rate. It is a tranquillizing pranayama, but it also has a heating effect, stimulating the process of oxidation.

Meditation: An additional benefit

The ancient practice of meditation has been shown to improve memory and reduce cognitive decline. People with mild cognitive impairment who practised meditation, for instance, demonstrated less atrophy in the hippocampus than those who did not practice meditation. A study published in the Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine in 2017, found that yoga practice that involves asanas, breathing, and meditation leads to improved attention and information-processing abilities.

Additionally, caregivers who also practice meditation and yoga remain less stressed and are in a better position to provide optimum care to those suffering from Alzheimer's. Yoga, meditation and pranayama can bring a much-needed and valuable gift to those suffering from Alzheimer's disease. The practices can not only offer stress relief but lead to reduced cognitive decline, improved memory and diminished depression as well as soothed hyper-arousal. However, all these techniques must be practised under the guidance of an expert as if practised incorrectly, it can seriously harm the practitioner.

Dr Rajeev Rajesh, Chief Yoga Officer, Jindal Naturecure Institute, IANSlife

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Second-hand smoking risks felt through generations

First, we were warned of passive smoking and now researchers have discovered the damage smoking can do from an even more distant source: transgenerational smoking. This is when children whose fathers were exposed to second-hand smoke when they were young have a higher-than-average risk of getting asthma.

These conclusions are from a study done by a team of Australian, British and Sri Lankan researchers analysing the data tracking the health of 1,689 pairs of fathers and their offspring, Jiacheng Liu, from Melbourne University, one of the co-authors said, "We found that the risk of non-allergic asthma in children increases by 59% if their fathers were exposed to second-hand smoke in childhood. The risk was even higher, at 72%, if the fathers were exposed to and went on to smoke themselves."

If they want to reduce the risk they should try to avoid smoking or quit. Jon Foster, health policy manager at Asthma + Lung UK, said, "The fact children born today have a 59% increased risk of developing asthma if their father was exposed to passive smoking shows the huge impact smoking has on other people's health."

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

All you need to know about...

Hamstring injury

What is it?
Your hamstrings are the second most powerful muscles in the body (the first are the uterine muscles). They're the muscles that run down the back of your thigh and you use them in running. A hamstring injury occurs when you strain or pull one of your hamstring muscles.

What are the symptoms?
You can see a footballer sustain a hamstring injury by pulling up sharply due to pain in the back of the thigh and a tearing sensation. Swelling and tenderness develop in a few hours. Muscle weakness or an inability to put weight on the injured leg is a classic sign.

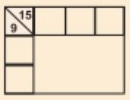
What causes them?
Injury can result when your hamstring muscles stretch beyond their limit, for instance in sports that involve sprinting or running with extreme stretching. One hamstring injury makes a second more likely, especially if you use the leg before your muscles have time to heal and rebuild strength.

What's the treatment?
Wrap the injured area with a compression bandage or wear compression shorts to minimise swelling.
Rest with your leg elevated above the level of your heart.
Take pain medication, such as ibuprofen or paracetamol, to reduce pain and inflammation.
Take a break from strenuous activities to allow the injury to heal. Use a cane or crutches to avoiding putting your full weight on your injured leg. A physio will later show you exercises to improve flexibility and to strengthen your hamstring muscles. If a hamstring has pulled free from where it's connected to your pelvis or shinbone, orthopaedic surgeons can reattach it.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

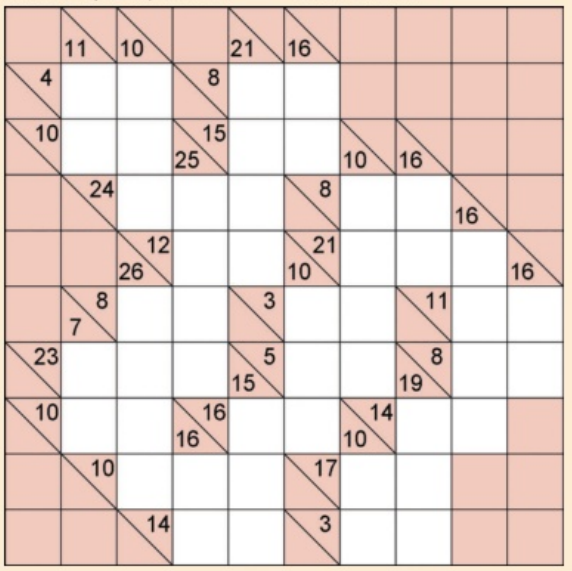
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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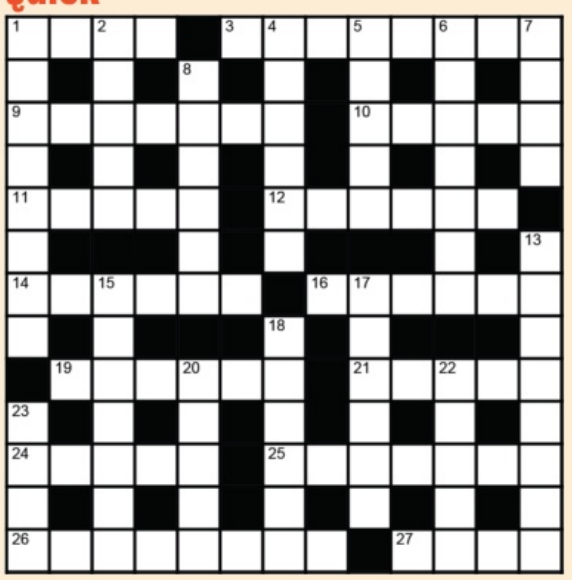


ACROSS

1 An alcoholic radical (4)
3 Speaks haltingly (8)
9 Hide or becloud (7)
10 Oyster's jewel (5)
11 Confuse or obscure (5)
12 Mystical (6)
14 Roman emperor ___ Aurelius (6)
16 Mistreated (6)
19 Merchant of Venice lawyer (6)
21 Northernmost district of Karnataka (5)
24 Three line Japanese poem (5)
25 Young one of a sheep? (3-4)
26 Methane variant (5-3)
27 At this place (4)

DOWN

1 Nuclear weapon (4,4)
2 All-rounder Pathan (5)
4 Youngest of the Chappell brothers? (6)
5 Theme (5)
6 Makes possible or easy (7)
7 Peddle or vend (4)
8 Martial art (4,2)
13 Lovable (8)
15 More spacious (7)
17 Infants or nurslings (6)
18 All-rounder Ravindra ____ (6)
20 Verity (5)
22 Cover with fabric (5)
23 Pretence (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS M

VKH'O CBOXZV BO EBO FMOA PJBMHX; PZWWR EBO CZJOA MHMVR.

Linemaro

Hi, I'm Mr Right. Someone said you were looking for me.

Mindchow

Only the wisest and stupidest of men never change

Joke of the day

If you think that nobody cares you're alive, try missing a couple of payments

Loop

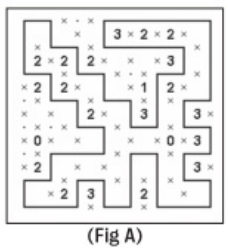
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

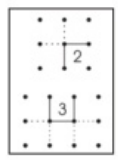
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

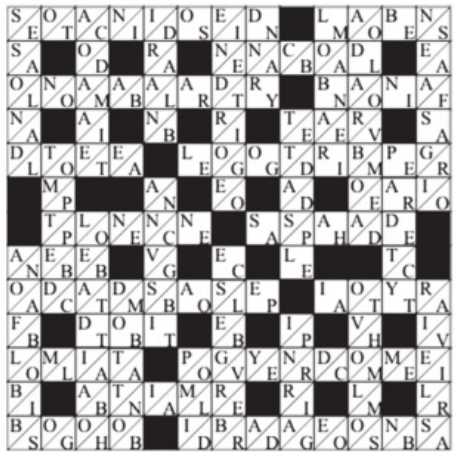


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

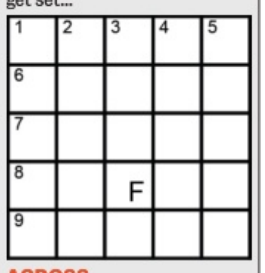
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 As apt; 6 Ulnar; 7 A true; 8 A ma if; 9 Lubes

DOWN

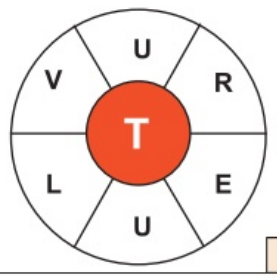
1 LM pub; 2 Laura; 3 Fauns; 4 Eat it; 5 As are

Mensapuzzle

Which number is the odd one out?

571219
461016
831114
461016
971613
781523

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

				2				
		8	6		7	1		
	5	7	1		4	8	9	
7			5		3			2
	4						3	
3			9		8			7
	1	9	7		2	3	4	
		2	4		6	7		
				9				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

2 2 3 8

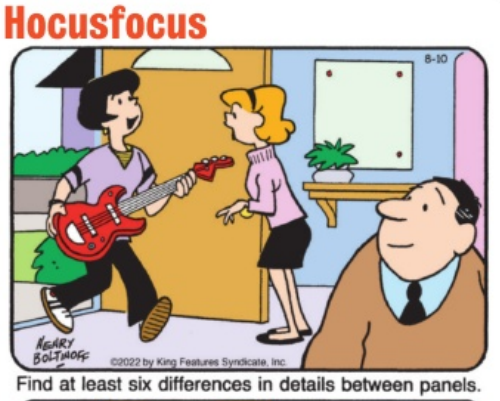
Medium = 6

2 2 4 7

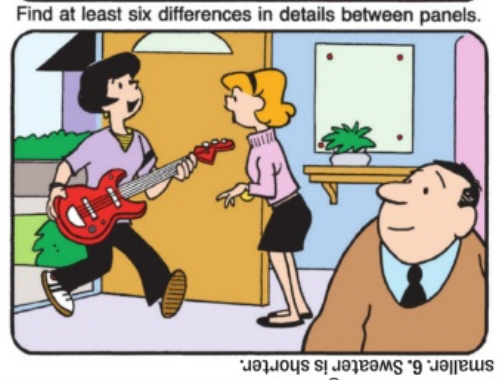
Hard = 8

2 4 4 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



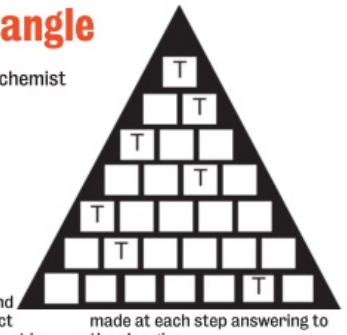
Differences: 1. Plant is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Stripe on sleeve is missing. 4. Man has less hair. 5. Shelf bracket is smaller. 6. Sweater is shorter.

Riddler

1 3 5 27 11 6 9 4 4 What's the third number of this series?

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Astatine for the chemist
3 Beige
4 Stake
5 Scottish baron
6 A flammable gas
7 Under



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YOU'VE GOT A BIG RESPONSIBILITY OUT HERE ON GUARD TONIGHT, TANGLEFOOT
REMEMBER... EVERY LIFE IN CAMP IS DEPENDING ON YOU!
BOY! I SURE AM GLAD I'M OUT HERE INSTEAD OF WITH THOSE POOR DEVILS BACK IN CAMP!

Bizarrotrip

These plastic squeeze bottles with crepe paper streamers will show that we're mildly angry.
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Diamond Lil

DICK THE FLY:
I NEVER SEE ANY PLANES OR JETS IN THE SKY HERE
IS THIS A NO-FLY ZONE?
DICK
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES
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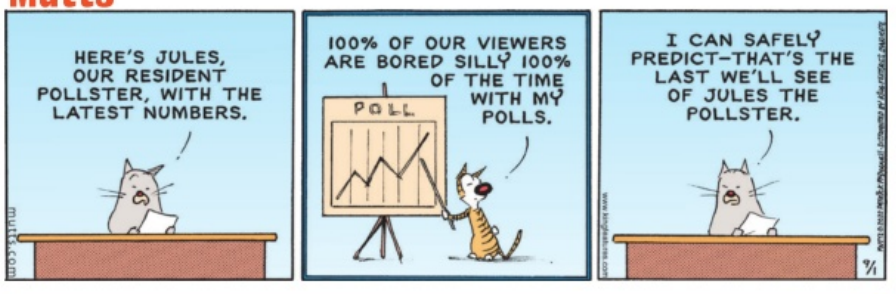
Hart of the city

THIS CARD IS THE SAME SIZE AS A MYSTICS THE GROUPING CARD. MAYBE IT'S RELATED.
THE TIME ON IT IS PROBABLY WHEN I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET SOMEONE.
OH! THEN THAT'S A BLACK CARD INVITATION TO THE MANA!
WHOA!!
WHAT IS THAT?

Crankshaft

Mutts


HERE'S JULES, OUR RESIDENT POLLSTER, WITH THE LATEST NUMBERS.
100% OF OUR VIEWERS ARE BORED SILLY 100% OF THE TIME WITH MY POLLS.
POLL
I CAN SAFELY PREDICT—THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL SEE OF JULES THE POLLSTER.

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel better and situations may be more under control. Your network may help you on the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase harmony in domestic life. With the help of your creativity, you may bring some artefacts for your family. You may also plan to go for a movie or an outing with friends or family.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may get tired due to the excessive workload today. It may make you lazy and careless, but you are advised to have patience. If you are planning an adventure tour, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students are advised to work harder. You may have backache, nervous system or liver-related issues.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today your creativity may be on high and you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some stuff for your house or office which may increase your social status. It is likely that you may have some harmony with your spouse. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may be settled.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your creativity may be high and you may attend some creative events. Your money which was stuck may be recovered now. Job seekers are advised to update their skills for better offers. Students are advised to input some more effort into their academics .

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy with kids' academics and you may plan for their higher studies also. Couples may hear good news. You may plan to update yourself and plan for higher studies to get a promotion in your current job. Singles may find their soul mate.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be escaping from reality and might try to avoid your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some losses. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting in your signature. Elders' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house but it is advised to postpone that for a while.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may help a person in need and it may increase your social respect. You may also put your hundred per cent effort into your work and will get positive results. You may hear some good news from your sibling. Too much work may make you tired, but you are advised to avoid stress today. Stress can affect your professional and personal life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy with social and family events. You may become more polite which may improve your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts, other stuff which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today disputes with the siblings may be settled and it may boost your relationship with the siblings. Your vital force seems to be good, it may help you to complete difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help some needy person which may increase your social status.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel lazy, dull, and dissatisfied and it may affect your speed of working. Projects might get delayed. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may have to face disappointments in interviews. You will waste your precious time on worthless tasks.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull and you may lose your focus. You may take some decisions, which may be seen beyond reality. Your expectation may be very high and because of impatience you may not able to fulfil your expectation. You are advised to be careful while driving. By the afternoon, things might look better.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may likely control your internal weakness after analysing yourself. You may be more confident about yourself. Singles are likely to find a good match. Love birds will have more clarity in their relationship. You may expect some opportunities for overseas travel. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.

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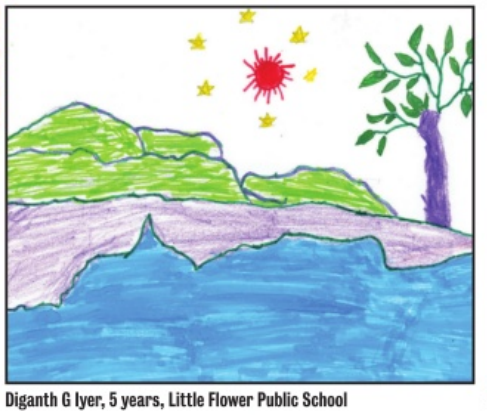

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 2*2^3*√25
= 2*2^3*√25
= 2*2*5 = 2*10 = 12

RIDDLER
Five because s-e-v-e-n has 5 letters. The first number can be anything, the second number is the number of letters in the first number, and the third number is the number of letters in the second number.

BULL'S EYE
lute, true, VULTURE

FAST FIVE

P	A	S	T	A
L	U	N	A	R
U	R	A	T	E
M	A	F	I	A
B	L	U	E	S

STRIKE OUT

S	T	A	N	D	S	I	N	■	L	A	B	S	■	■
A	■	D	■	N	A	B	A	L	■	A	■	■	■	■
L	O	M	B	A	R	D	Y	■	N	A	I	F	■	■
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S	O	H	O	■	D	R	A	G	O	O	N	S	■	■

QUICK

A	M	Y	L	■	S	T	U	T	T	E	R	S	■	■
T	■	U	■	K	■	R	■	O	■	N	■	E	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
9716: numbers are obtained by adding pairs of digits, ie with 57129: 5 + 7 = 12; 7 + 12 = 19. To follow this same pattern 971613 would have to be 9716323

QUOTE UNCODE
Man's wisdom is his best friend; folly his worst enemy.

SUDOKU

1	6	3	8	2	9	5	7	4
4	9	8	6	5	7	1	2	3
2	5	7	1	3	4	8	9	6
7	8	6	5	4	3	9	1	2
9	4	5	2	7	1	6	3	8
3	2	1	9	6	8	4	5	7
6	1	9	7	8	2	3	4	5
5	3	2	4	1	6	7	8	9
8	7	4	3	9	5	2	6	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, At, Tan, Ante, Thane, Ethane, Beneath.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 2 x 2 - 8 = 2
Medium
2 - 4 / 2 + 7 = 6
Hard
4 + 2 x 4 / 3 = 8

LOOP

KAKURO

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Advice to make it big in Hollywood

Actress Florence Pugh got candid about her early days in the entertainment industry. She shared she was told to "lose weight" and "change the shape" of her face if she wanted a successful career

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Coming home now

PC gets emotional as she gets ready to come to India after gap of 3 years

Priyanka Chopra is all set to come back to India after three long years and she is both emotional and super excited about the same. Ahead of her visit, the actress shared a sweet post.

Sharing the picture of her boarding pass, Priyanka wrote, 'Finally... going home. After almost 3 years.' This is not only Priyanka's first visit to India after the covid pandemic but also her daughter Malti's first visit to India.

Priyanka was supposed to come home in April this year, however, it did not happen. She had told a news portal in April that her brain has been taking vacations every night, but she is dying to go back to India. The actress added that every state in India has its own written and spoken language, which means different alphabets, clothing, attire, foods, and holidays. So it's like going to a new country every time you cross the border in India. According to her, every time she goes back home, she makes sure she takes time to do a bit of a holiday and travel.

Malti Marie Chopra Jonas will turn one in January 2023. Priyanka and Nick Jonas welcomed their bundle of joy via surrogacy. The couple is yet to show her face to the world.

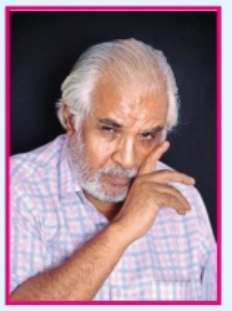
On the work front, Priyanka will next be seen in the web series 'Citadel' and the Bollywood film, 'Jee Le Zaraa'. —ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Grateful for support

Harihar Gundurao Dattatreya aka Dattanna is elated at being selected to receive the Rajyotsava award. Dattanna, who is set to join the list of octogenarian artists of Sandalwood, says he is grateful to the people of Karnataka for encouraging him for more than three decades.



He has no regrets that he is being selected late for the award. "I am one among the six crore people of Karnataka. State government has its own limitations to select people. I have no complaints against the government. Some, who applied for the award, might question the state government for ignoring them and selecting me," says Dattanna with a smile. He says that he would celebrate his selection. "I want to dedicate the Rajyotsava award to the people of Karnataka. I am grateful to all who looked after me and encouraged me all these years," he says.

Mind-twister

Debutante director Sunil Kumar Basavanthappa is excited to release his maiden Kannada movie Nee Maayeyolago Maaye Ninnolago, a psychological thriller. The positive feedback from movie buffs in Melbourne and Detroit after watching the premiere of the film has encouraged him.

"I am happy to receive such feedback from audiences. Some compared its screenplay to the that of movies directed by Alfred Hitchcock. A few told me that the film reminds them of Hollywood movie Shutter Island, directed by Martin Scorsese," said Sunil.

Prior to handling the megaphone for this film, Sunil worked as an associate for Kannada movies Aavahayami and Java. In this film, he has also penned lyrics for two songs.

Arrangements are being made to release this movie in the UK and US after its release in Karnataka on November 4.

Darshan Raghavaiah, apart from bankrolling the film, plays a key role in it. Bala Rajwadi plays Aryabhata, a retired crime reporter of The New York Times.

"The objective of this movie is to promote facilities for mentally-ill people," said the director.

Who's that girl!

Ahead of her upcoming film 'Phone Bhoot' release, Katrina posted her Halloween look on Instagram. In the photos, Katrina could be seen channelling a fun, quirky makeover as Harley.

Harley Quinn is a character portrayed by Margot Robbie in DC movie 'Suicide Squad'.

Katrina came really close to the original Harley Quinn style, sporting everything from famous blonde ponytails to an eclectic mix of blue and pink eyeshadow.

She paired her striped shorts with a pink top and a transparent jacket with frills in funky colours on the sleeves. In one of the pictures, she also had the signature baseball bat on her shoulders and flashed a wicked grin. Fun, chunky accessories elevated her Harley Quinn avatar.

Soon after, Katrina's comment section was flooded with compliments. Anushka Sharma applauded her and wrote, "Guess who just won hallow-eennnn". Actress Sharvari Wagh, who is said to be dating Katrina's brother-in-law Sunny Kaushal also appreciate the look. ANI

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